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NEW NRC RESIDENT INSPECTOR ASSIGNED TO BEAVER VALLEY NUCLEAR PLANT

Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials in King of Prussia, Pa., have selected David Werkheiser as the new resident inspector at the Beaver Valley nuclear power plant in Shippingport, Pa. He joins NRC Senior Resident Inspector Paul Cataldo at the two unit site.

Werkheiser first joined the NRC in April 2003 as a reactor inspector in the Region I Division of Reactor Safety in King of Prussia, Pa.

"Dave Werkheiser has the experience and commitment to safety that will help the NRC ensure that Beaver Valley conducts operations with the highest safety standards to protect public health and safety," said NRC Region I Administrator Samuel J. Collins.

Prior to joining the NRC, Werkheiser was an NRC-licensed senior reactor operator at Penn State's Breazeale Nuclear Reactor. He also served in the United States Navy for nearly nine years, including an assignment as a nuclear-qualified engineering supervisor aboard the USS Hawkbill at Pearl Harbor, Hi.

Werkheiser earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nuclear engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He also completed a U.S. Department of Energy Graduate Fellowship.

Each U.S. commercial nuclear plant has at least two NRC resident inspectors. They serve as the agency's eyes and ears at the facility, conducting inspections, monitoring major work projects and interacting with plant workers and the public.

The Beaver Valley resident inspectors can be reached at 724/643-2000.

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